

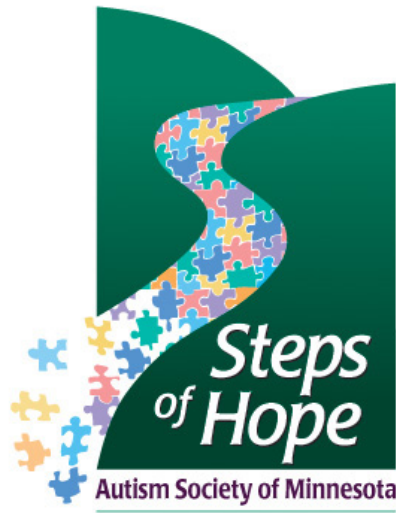
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Show your support for  
Minnesota families  
living with **autism!**

**Sunday  
March 4, 2012**

Ridgedale Center  
Minnetonka, MN

**REGISTRATION - 9:30 am  
WALK - 11:00 -12:00 pm**

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## **Every step is progress for MN**

Autism can be isolating. But it doesn't have to be. We are a **local organization** of family members, professionals and individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Together, we work to understand the challenges of autism, support one another and help in the search for effective interventions. Our goal is to remove barriers that limit opportunities for individuals on the spectrum. But we can't do this alone.

### **Who is AuSM?**

Established in 1971, the Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM) is a network that serves families throughout the region. Our mission is to meet the educational, emotional and social needs of individuals on the autism spectrum, their families and the professionals who serve them. AuSM is a 501(c)3 organization. **All donations are tax deductible.**

### **Steps of Hope Supports People in Your Community**

Your generosity is put to good work. In addition to the services provided by AuSM, we distribute grants to help individuals, centers, group homes and schools. Steps of Hope Support Grants are used for projects that directly benefit children and adults with ASD.

### **Collaborate**

- ✧ Minnesota Department of Education
- ✧ Coalition for Children, PACER, Arc and others
- ✧ Local Businesses - big and small

### **Advocate**

- ✧ Your voice at the state legislature
- ✧ Autism Licensure

### **Educate**

- ✧ Annual Minnesota Autism Conference
- ✧ Workshops with the nation's best autism experts
- ✧ For parents by parents classes
- ✧ Consultation to businesses and organizations

### **Support**

- ✧ Support groups, referrals, resource directory
- ✧ Social skills groups and consulting
- ✧ Summer camps
- ✧ Family events including awareness programs

## Multiply Your Efforts

Supporting people with autism is a team effort. By drawing on your network, you bring their support to AuSM and the people we serve.

Register today at [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org) and bring guests to the walk. When we walk together, we see firsthand the vibrant community in which we live. It's a powerful feeling!

## Create a Web Page

Online fundraising through GiveMN.org is a great way to collect donations from your entire network - regardless of location. Create a personalized web page with your photos and story. Send out a link to family, friends, and colleagues through Facebook, Twitter or email. Visit [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org) to join our team. Online fundraisers are eligible for exclusive prizes.



## Book Swap and Donation

Back by popular demand: Our ASD book swap. Bring any gently used book, tape or DVD on autism. Donate an item, buy an item or do

both. **All donated materials sell for just \$2.** It's time to update that bookshelf!

## Volunteer and Become a Sponsor

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available at the Steps of Hope walk. Contact [stepsofhope@ausm.org](mailto:stepsofhope@ausm.org) for details on these fulfilling opportunities.

**You are needed - become a sponsor!** Join our current sponsors and reach your neighbors who support AuSM. Contact us at [stepsofhope@ausm.org](mailto:stepsofhope@ausm.org) or call 651.647.1083, x13.

Sponsor hope in your neighborhood!



Dan Cole, The Common Man, will MC.

## Start Your Walk

Enter Ridgedale Center at the North Entrance near Origami Sushi on the lower level of the center. All walkers must check in at the registration tables near this entrance. Look out for our celebrity walkers!



## Special Hotel Room Rate

The Sheraton Minneapolis West is offering a special room rate of \$84.00 for all walkers on the night of March 3, 2012. Call 952.593.0000 or 800.325.3535 before February 11, 2012 to make reservations.



## Registration

All Steps of Hope registrations are being hosted online. Visit the Steps of Hope pages at [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org) to sign up today. Look for updates and help promote the walk with your friends, family and community members by forwarding emails and promotional materials. **Create a team as unique as your community.**

If you do not wish to sign-up online please send an email to [stepsofhope@ausm.org](mailto:stepsofhope@ausm.org) or call 651.647.1083, x13.

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